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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"With reference to the appendix, may I ask what progress has been made in the matter of getting the information wanted?"

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"We have not yet received any further information from the Mysore Government."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether, in view of the fact that four or five months have now elapsed, any reminder has been sent to the Mysore Government to furnish the information?" 11-15 p.m.

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion."

Receipts under land-tax and water-tax from lands under the Cumbum tank, Kurnool district.

* 704 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether and when the Cumbum tank (Kurnool) was constructed by the Local Government and at what cost;

(*b*) the total area cultivated under the same and the land-tax and water-tax collected every year for two crops when there is water;

(*c*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government under the heads Establishment and Repairs every year from 1920; and

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a new tax called 'kudimarramatham' is being collected from the ryots under the above tank?

A.—(*a*) The tank is of pre-British origin. The Government have no information as to when it was constructed or at what cost.

(*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to Statement I of Appendix II of the Public Works Department Administration Reports—Part II, Irrigation.

(*c*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the C-1 statement in the administration reports referred to above.

(*d*) No. The Madras Compulsory Labour Act, 1858, applies.

Repairs to the bund of the irrigation tank at Gooty, Anantapur district.

* 705 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the bund of the irrigation tank at Gooty (Anantapur district) is in a weak condition;

(*b*) whether a breach in the said bund was apprehended during the last rains owing to the sinking of a portion of it;

(*c*) whether there are fissures and cracks in the bund threatening breaches during the monsoon season; and